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Sch. Flirt, 75,000 fresh fish.
 Sch. Hope, 55,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 100,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Frances V. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Manhasset, 45,000 haddock, 65,000 cod.
 Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 30,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Margaret S. McKenzie, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Arbitrator, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
 Sch. Minerva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 3000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
 Sch. Gov. Russell, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
 Sch. Robert and Arthur, 75,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
 Sch. Illinois, 65,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Muriel, 70,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Dictator, 30,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.
 Haddock, \$1.10 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$4.50; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Blanche, which took out her frozen cargo at New York, arrived home here yesterday with a load of coal for T. E. Reed.

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THE EARLY SEINERS.

Many of the Fleet Now Beginning to Fit Out.

TWO HAVE ALREADY SAILED.

The "Early Birds" Will Number Probably About 50 Sail.

With the departure of two of the southern fleet and the fitting of at least ten more, be side having in mind the 15 or so that will begin to fit away next week, it is fair to say that the mackerel fishing season of 1908 has opened.

As a whole, the fleet will be away for the southern grounds as early if not a little earlier than last year, the reports of fine weather and knowledge of early "darks" inducing many to start before April comes in.

At present appearances what is known as the "early" fleet will number about 50 sail, which is fully as many if not a few more than the fleet which got away early last year.

Of course, from day to day, after the early ones, there will be seiners going, so that before the fleet gets up off Newport it will no doubt number 70 sail or over.

The crafts, as far as known, which will comprise the early fleet, are as follows:

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier.
 Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean.
 Sch. Madonna, Capt. Charles Stewart.
 Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs.
 Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.
 Sch. Fame, Capt. Augustus G. Hall.
 Sch. Metamora, Capt. M. I. McKown.
 Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine.
 Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior.
 Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Capt. John McKinnon.
 Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert.
 Sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham.
 Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.
 Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.
 Sch. Grayling, Capt. Joseph Smith.
 Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles H. Marty.
 Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron.
 Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber.
 Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Charles Maguire.
 Sch. Avalon, Capt. Christopher Carrigan.
 Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benj. Lumsden.
 Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. John Barlow.
 Sch. Squanto, Capt. John S. Seavey.
 Sch. Juno, Capt. Ambrose Fleet.
 Sch. Shenandoah, Capt. James C. Gan-
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Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis.
 Sch. Arthur Binney, Capt. Rufus McKay.
 Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Capt. George G. Iamora.
 Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross.
 Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. John Grady.
 Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland.
 Sch. Aloah, Capt. John McInnis.
 Sch. Norma, Capt. Benj. McGray.
 Sch. Corona, Capt. Jerry Cook.
 Sch. Saladin, Capt. Benj. A. Spurling.
 Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
 Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heck-
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Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch.
 Sch. Corsair, Capt. Lemuel Firth.
 Sch. Colonial, Capt. Lewis Carritt.
 Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Fred Carritt.
 Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Samuel J. Somers.
 Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum.

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson.
 Sch. Arabia, Capt. Gourley Anderson.
 Sch. ———, Capt. Cahoon.
 Sch. Alert, Capt. Almon D. Malloch.
 Of these schs. Monarch and A. M. Nicholson have sailed.

The Boston vessels in the fleet are schs. Arthur Binney, Nellie Dixon, Metamora, Shenandoah, Alert, Elizabeth Silsbee, Fame, Squanto, Juno and the one which Capt. Cahoon will command.

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AFTER THE MACKEREL.

Sch. Monarch First of Seining Fleet To Sail South.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson Will Sail Tonight or Tomorrow.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, now a gasoline auxiliary vessel, equipped with a 10-horse power Standard gasoline engine, is the first of the southern seining fleet to get away, she leaving Capt. John Ohlholm's wharf shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. A large number assembled on the wharf to see her sail and bid good luck to Capt. Vautier and his crew.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, will be the next of the fleet to sail and she will go either tonight or tomorrow morning.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, will follow soon after.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Emma F. Chase, Jonesport, Me., smoked herring and cured fish.
 Sch. Illinois, via Boston, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.
 Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.
 Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 500 haddock, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Rebecca, 11,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Valentina, 10,000 cod.
 Sch. Lillian, 1500 haddock, 9500 cod.
 Sch. Nokomis, 3000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
 Sch. Yankee, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Motor, 2000 haddock, 8000 cod.
 Sch. Seaconnet, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 50,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
 Sch. John M. Keen, 200 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
 Sch. Lafayette, 4000 haddock.
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Pontiac, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Philip P. Mania, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
 Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
 Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$5; cusk, \$2.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Frank H. Hall is fitting sch. Ralph L. Hall for south seining.
 Capt. John A. McKinnon is fitting sch. Elizabeth Silsbee for south seining.
 Capt. William Bissert is fitting sch. Electric Flash for south seining.
 Sch. Grayling is being fitted for south seining under command of Capt. Joseph Smith.
 Capt. Joseph E. Graham is fitting sch. George Parker for south seining.
 Capt. Rufus McKay is fitting sch. Arthur Binney for south seining.

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ANOTHER GASOLINER.

Contract Signed for One To Replace Sch. Buema.

A contract was given yesterday for a new knockabout, which will be commanded by Capt. Herbert Nickerson, formerly of sch. Buema. The new vessel will have auxiliary engines of high power and will be ready to go into commission by the fall.

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PACIFIC COD NOTES.

Items of Western Fisheries of Interest Here Just Now.

Old Gloucester Skipper To Sail for Robinson Fisheries Co.

The following items relative to the Pacific salt cod fisheries are from the Pacific Fisherman, and at this time will be of much interest there:

Vessels of the Robinson Fisheries Co., of Anacortes, Wash., will be entirely outfitted this year from the home port. Mr. Robinson who is a native of Gloucester, is intensely loyal to Anacortes and intends to give local merchants the benefit of his trade. He states that in wharfage, coal and general supplies he can operate more economically than by purchasing in Seattle.

Capt. John McInnis, who took sch. Carrier Dove, formerly of Gloucester, out last year, will this season be in charge of sch. Alice for the Robinson Fisheries Co. of Anacortes. Capt. McInnis was for 18 years skipper in the Grand Bank fleet on the Atlantic out of Gloucester. Ole Lund will this year be head salter on the schooner Joseph Russ and Dick Bond on the schooner Alice.

A. Greenbaum, president of the Alaska Codfish Co. of San Francisco, recently returned from a business trip to Seattle. He reports that his company has purchased the schooner John D. Spreckels, and Captain Mattheson of Anacortes, Wash., who is in the codfishing business on Puget Sound, has purchased the brig Harriet G. This company and other parties have also purchased the codfish drying yard formerly owned by Edward Pond at Hunter's Point, San Francisco. The purchase of his property and the remaining vessels of Edward Pond's fleet finally eliminates the Pond family from the codfishing industry.

The barkentine City of Papette will be fitted out for the Behring sea codfishing within the next two weeks. The labor situation is favorable. Wages are not yet fixed, but the market is well supplied with fishermen and other classes of skilled labor for codfishing.

Prices have broken sharply in Behring sea codfish. This is largely due to inability to move the goods resultant on the adverse ruling of the Federal authorities as to the use of borax as a preservative in shipping the goods. There is also sharp competition prevailing, due to a curtailment in demand, which, it is hoped, the Lenten season will materially improve.

A large Puget Sound producer is closely investigating the fibred codfish proposition with a view to engaging in the business.

The prominent shipbuilding and codfishing firm of King & Winge, of Seattle, have recently incorporated with a paid-up capital of \$35,000.

Mr. W. F. Robinson, of the Robinson Fisheries Co. of Anacortes, reports that strong representations as to the disastrous effect of the ruling out of borax as a preservative for cured codfish have been made to Washington, D. C., by Senator Piles. Similar pressure is being exerted by the Massachusetts representatives and it is earnestly trusted that the arbitrary stand of the government will be vacated on presentation of the real facts as to the non-deleterious effect of the chemical for the purpose spoken of.